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HOUSTON-GALVESTON-BRAZORIA, TX
NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY, DECEMBER 2005

The Houston-Galveston-Brazoria National Compensation Survey (NCS) bulletin is now available. The survey includes wage data for 22 occupational groups with additional detail for occupations within each group. Wages are available by worker characteristics including full-time or part-time status, union or nonunion status, and time or incentive pay. Average rates of pay are available for levels of work within an occupation based on knowledge, job controls and complexity, contacts, and physical environment.

The locality wage publications have undergone a number of significant changes. The December 2005 Houston-Galveston-Brazoria survey incorporates the following changes:

1. Use of the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system and the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)
2. An expanded scope of establishments, lowering the minimum establishment size for private industry from 50 workers to 1 worker
3. Imputation for temporary non-response situations
4. Benchmarking of estimated employment
5. Redesigned tables, to reflect the new classification system and to emphasize work levels

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